

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MONTGOMERY  
COUNTY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014 AT 6:45 P.M.  
IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER,  
755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA

PRESENT:	William H. Brown	-Chair
	Mary W. Biggs	-Vice Chair
	Gary D. Creed	-Supervisors
	Annette S. Perkins	
	Christopher A. Tuck	
	M. Todd King	
	F. Craig Meadows	-County Administrator
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Deputy County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	Ruth Richey	-Public Information Officer
	Mitchell Haugh	-Director of Parks and Recreation
	Vickie Swinney	-Secretary, Board of Supervisors
ABSENT:	Matthew R. Gabriele	-Supervisor

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

### **ADD TO AGENDA-ADDENDUM**

On a motion by Christopher A. Tuck, seconded by Gary D. Creed and carried unanimously, the following Addendum was added to the Agenda under Closed Meeting:

- Section 2.2-3711      (3)      Discussion or Consideration of the Acquisition of Real  
Property for Public Purpose, or of the Disposition of Publicly Held  
Real Property, Where Discussion in an Open Meeting Would  
Adversely Affect the Bargaining Position or Negotiating Strategy  
of the Public Body
1. Former Blacksburg Middle School Property

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Christopher A. Tuck	None	Matthew R. Gabriele
Gary D. Creed		
Mary W. Biggs		
Annette S. Perkins		
M. Todd King		
William H. Brown		

### **INTO CLOSED MEETING**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by M. Todd King and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussing the following:

- Section 2.2-3711      (1)      Discussion, Consideration or Interviews of Prospective Candidates for Employment; Assignment, Appointment, Promotion, Performance, Demotion, Salaries, Disciplining or Resignation of Specific Officers, Appointees, or Employees of Any Public Body
1. Human Relations Council  
2. Planning District Commission
- (3)      Discussion or Consideration of the Acquisition of Real Property for Public Purpose, or of the Disposition of Publicly Held Real Property, Where Discussion in an Open Meeting Would Adversely Affect the Bargaining Position or Negotiating Strategy of the Public Body
1. Former Blacksburg Middle School Property

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mary W. Biggs	None	Matthew R. Gabriele
M. Todd King		
Annette S. Perkins		
Gary D. Creed		
Christopher A. Tuck		
William H. Brown		

## **OUT OF CLOSED MEETING**

On a motion by Christopher A. Tuck, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Closed Meeting to return to Regular Session. The vote was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Christopher A. Tuck	None	Matthew R. Gabriele
Mary W. Biggs		
Annette S. Perkins		
Gary D. Creed		
M. Todd King		
William H. Brown		

## **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

On a motion by Christopher A. Tuck, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County has convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion conveying the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

## **VOTE**

AYE  
Christopher A. Tuck  
Mary W. Biggs  
Gary D. Creed  
M. Todd King  
Annette S. Perkins  
William H. Brown

## NAYS

None

## ABSENT DURING VOTE

Matthew R. Gabriele

## ABSENT DURING MEETING

Matthew R. Gabriele

## INVOCATION

A moment of silence was led by the Chair.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## DELEGATIONS

**Virginia Department of Transportation** VDoT's Residency Administrator was unable to attend the meeting to provide an update on road projects/issues in Montgomery County. The Chair asked that Board members forward any questions or issues to the County Administrator who will forward to VDoT's Residency Administrator.

## PUBLIC HEARING

### Appalachian Power Company-Request for Utility Easement

**Appalachian Power Company's request for the Board of Supervisors to convey a ten-foot (10') wide easement and right-of-way to Appalachian Power Company** adjacent to an existing easement on County Property Tax Map No. 54-A-4A commonly referred to as the former AEP Property off Nik Ryan Drive in the Mount Tabor Magisterial District.

The County Attorney explained that Appalachian Power Company's (APCo) request is for a 10' strip along the back lots from 830 to 870 Crestwood Drive and across to the south side of Nik Ryan Drive in Blacksburg. APCo is in the process of removing 4-spans of existing overhead line and placing the line underground, but due to the large amount of trees, brush, rock, etc. it would be best to install on the County's side of the property. The request was partially generated by Ms. Anne Groves and the fact that when this line gets knocked out it also takes out the Shelor Subdivision. It would also give the County access to the underground power if service was ever needed for this property.

There being no speakers either for or against APCo's request, the public hearing was closed.

## **INTO WORK SESSION**

On a motion by Christopher A. Tuck, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Work Session for the purpose of discussing the following:

1. Parks and Recreation Master Plan
2. Sheriff-Funding for Remote Access Software and Mobile Data Terminals
3. Resolution-Mountain Valley Pipeline

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

### **AYE**

Christopher A. Tuck  
Mary W. Biggs  
Gary D. Creed  
Annette S. Perkins  
M. Todd King  
William H. Brown

### **NAY**

None

### **ABSENT**

Matthew R. Gabriele

## **Parks and Recreation Master Plan**

The County Administrator introduced Kevin Byrd, Executive Director of the NRV Planning District Commission. The PDC recently completed a parks and recreation master plan for the Town of Christiansburg, and has discussed a similar undertaking for the County. Mr. Byrd provided a brief overview explaining that the PDC uses the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) program for government members of the PDC. It would be a 50% matching project to update Montgomery County's Parks and Recreation Master Plan with the ARC providing 50% of the cost. This would include working closely with county staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission, and also provide an opportunity for the public to engage in the process and provide feedback.

Supervisor Tuck asked Mr. Byrd to explain why this would be better than having county staff do a survey and report back to the Board, and using the money that would have been paid for the PDC update to build the ball fields or help build a playground. Mr. Byrd responded that if there are requests for either land acquisitions or increased programs or increased staffing, this validates why there are decisions to be made. So evaluating the facilities, the programs we are offering the community, find out if there is redundancy or if there is a lack of a program that should be out there, and then if you have additional staffing needs. It helps in evaluating where to invest either in capital improvement programs or if it's staffing.

The Chair commented that he appreciated another pair of eyes looking at the project, that it's almost like an outside evaluation of your programs. Supervisor Mary Biggs added that one reason for not doing this in-house is because after taking care of their day-to-day responsibilities staff would have no time for this added responsibility. The Chair pointed out that since he has been a member of the Board of Supervisors, the Board has been asking employees to do more for less, and the rubber band is being stretched too tight. Supervisor Gary Creed pointed out that if employees have to be pulled off of something else in order to get a study done, it would take three or four times longer and cost double the amount. He feels like we are going to be getting our money's worth if we have to pay only half the cost if the PDC does the study. Supervisor Annette Perkins said that she knows the PDC will do a good job at a small cost.

#### Sheriff-Funding for Remote Access Software and Mobile Data Terminals

Deputy County Administrator Carol Edmonds reminded everyone that at the last meeting there was discussion about the in-car cameras and the body cameras, and what the Sheriff had come up with was a package that would put the cameras in the cars and with that also came the body cameras for 40 of the deputies associated with the in-car cameras, the body cameras were free if you bought the in-car cameras. In addition to that, there were body cameras for SRA's and some of the investigators. At the last work session the request was made back to the Sheriff's Office to come up with the cost to provide body cameras for additional deputies. At the last meeting the Board discussed the credit from the regional jail offsetting the largest portion of this cost and so additional funds in order to provide the 52 body cameras and the 40 in-car cameras was \$12,450.00 and the Board approved that resolution at the last meeting. The Sheriff's funding requests were summarized as follows:

#### **In Car and Body Cameras**

Costs	242,450
Estimated \$'s due to Jail Credit	(230,000)
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Balance Due	12,450

(This resolution was adopted at the October 27, 2014 meeting)

#### **Additional Body Cameras**

<u>Previously Funded</u>	✓	<u>Added Cameras</u>	
Patrol	40	Civil and Court Security	27
SRO's	5	Jail	30
Investigations	7	Field Division	5
		Investigations	3
		Administration	<u>5</u>
Total	<hr/> 52		70

The cost of the additional 70 body cameras is \$28,280

### Remote Access Software

- Patrol Scout Live Package allows for on-demand access to the vehicle cameras for remote viewing.
- The cost for the software and connections for 40 vehicles including training is quoted at \$38,409.
- Funding for this item can be on a future agenda, if the Board chooses to provide funding.

### Mobile Data Terminals

- There are currently 41 MDTs, of which 19, or 46% are 6 years old. A number of these are not stable and continuously cause problems.
- Funding for a replacement schedule needs to be incorporated in the operating budget.
- Given the age and condition of some of the machines, \$40,000 would allow the replacement process to begin by replacing 8-9 machines now with the intent that funding for future replacements be incorporated in the FY 16 budget. Machines are approximately \$4,500 each.
- Funding for this item can be on a future agenda if the Board chooses to provide funding.

### Cost Summary

Added Body Cameras	28,280
Patrol Scout	38,409
MDT's	<u>40,000</u>
Total	106,689

### Summary

Unallocated Balance	3,630,371
School Carryforward ✓	(1,779,337)
County Pay Supplement ✓	(339,000)
Fire and Rescue Capital ✓	(64,076)
Board of Equalization ✓	(45,000)
Economic Development ✓	(30,224)
Additional costs for cameras ✓	(12,450)

Total	(2,270,087)
Remaining Balance	1,360,284

Revenue Sharing Roads	(450,000)
County Carryforward Request*	(325,000)
Added Body Cameras	(28,280)
Patrol Scout	(38,408)
MDT's	(40,000)

Total	(881,689)
Remaining Balance	478,595

The Sheriff was present to answer questions from the Board. The Deputy County Administrator asked for direction from the Board on how they wished to move forward, whether they wanted to have the three items (added body cameras, patrol scout, and MDT's) listed in a resolution on the Board's next agenda, or deal with them at this meeting.

The Chair reminded the Board that a resolution cannot be voted on during a work session, but the Board can give consensus to move forward with preparing a resolution for the Board's next agenda. Staff confirmed that a resolution would be prepared that appropriates the funds for all three items and listed on the November 24, 2014 agenda for the Board's consideration.

#### Resolution-Mountain Valley Pipeline

The County Administrator directed the Board's attention to the draft resolution on the agenda under New Business concerning the MVP project, which is listed on the work session to give the Board an opportunity to discuss it and determine if they want to move forward with the resolution listed under New Business. The County Administrator is aware that there have been several other suggestions made to the content of the resolution and the purpose of this work session is for the Board to discuss and determine if they wish to adopt a resolution, and if so, how they wish to have it worded.

Supervisor Chris Tuck announced that he was one of the Board members who asked for the alternate resolution. He explained that the alternate resolution includes an additional paragraph that says "If the Mountain Valley Pipeline were to re-route the proposed gas pipeline away from residential communities to areas that are unpopulated and not containing residences, the Board of Supervisors may reconsider opposing the construction of the pipeline". His reason for that being that if the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) says this pipeline is coming through, this pipeline is coming through, and if we close the door and say we don't even want this pipeline, and we're not going to talk to you any more about it, he is afraid that is a step the Board should not take. Adding the additional wording in the resolution, if the pipeline company is willing to say they are willing to avoid Brush Mountain Estates and Preston Forest and maybe run in a more rural section, it says that we may reconsider it, which he believes keeps the door open and allows for communication. Following a lengthy and in-depth discussion there was consensus that the Board would consider action on this matter under New Business

#### OUT OF WORK SESSION

On a motion by Christopher A. Tuck, seconded by Annette S. Perkins and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Work Session to return to Regular Session.



The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Christopher A. Tuck	None	Matthew R. Gabriele
Annette S. Perkins		
Gary D. Creed		
Mary W. Biggs		
M. Todd King		
William H. Brown		

**The Chair called a 25 minute recess at 9:00 p.m.**

**The Board reconvened at 9:25 p.m.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Christopher A. Tuck, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda dated November 12, 2014 was approved. The vote was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Christopher A. Tuck	None	Matthew R. Gabriele
Mary W. Biggs		
Gary D. Creed		
M. Todd King		
Annette S. Perkins		
William H. Brown		

### **Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Christopher A. Tuck, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously, the Minutes dated May 27, June 2, June 9, June 23, and July 14, 2014 were approved.

### **Appointments**

## **R-FY-15-41 APPOINTMENT NEW RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**

On a motion by Christopher A. Tuck, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby appoints **Susan Q. Richardson** to the **New River Valley Community Services Board** effective November 13, 2014 and expiring June 30, 2016.

Said appointment fills the unexpired term of Ann Giles, resigned.

**R-FY-15-42  
WESTERN VIRGINIA  
REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY  
APPOINTMENTS FOR 2015**

On a motion by Christopher A. Tuck, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby appoints/reappoints the following individuals to the Western Virginia Regional Jail Authority effective January 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2015:

Sheriff Tommy Whitt	Chief Deputy Robert L. Hall (alternate)
William H. Brown, Board of Supervisors	Gary D. Creed (alternate)
F. Craig Meadows, Staff Member	L. Carol Edmonds (alternate)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That employees appointed to boards/commissions/authorities as a representative for Montgomery County, such appointment is contingent upon their continued employment with the County and that any such termination or resignation from employment would also constitute a voluntary resignation from such board/commission/authority appointment as a representative of Montgomery County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the expiration of a Board of Supervisors term in office shall constitute a voluntary resignation from any board/commission/authority appointment as a representative of Montgomery County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all annual appointments to the Western Virginia Regional Jail Authority shall be made by the Board of Supervisors prior to January 1 of the effective year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution in Opposition of the Mountain Valley Pipeline Proposed Route**

Supervisor Mary Biggs made a motion to approve the resolution opposing the Mountain Valley Pipeline as listed on the agenda, which does not include “Whereas, if Mountain Valley Pipeline were to reroute the proposed gas pipeline away from the residential communities to areas that are unpopulated not containing residences the Board of Supervisors may reconsider opposing the construction of the pipeline”. The motion died for lack of a second.

**Resolution in Opposition of the Mountain Valley Pipeline Proposed Route as Amended**

**R-FY-15-43  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA  
OPPOSING THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE**

On a motion by Christopher A. Tuck, seconded by M. Todd King and carried,

WHEREAS, EQT Corporation, in a joint venture with NextEra Energy Resources, created Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC (“Mountain Valley Pipeline”) for the purpose of constructing and operating a 300 mile long 42 inch diameter natural gas transmission pipeline between Wetzel, West Virginia (Marcellus and Utica production regions) and Pittsylvania County, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Mountain Valley Pipeline has initiated the Federal regulatory approval process to construct the pipeline by requesting use of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (“FERC”) pre-filing review process with the pre-filing of Docket No. PF 15-3-00; and

WHEREAS, Mountain Valley Pipeline has advised FERC in its pre-filing application that Mounty Valley Pipeline’s current proposed route parallels the existing 138kV AEP Glyn Lynn Hancock power line that traverses through Montgomery County starting at the Giles County border with the George Washington Jefferson National Forest heading southeast through Montgomery County to the Roanoke County border near Interstate 81; and

WHEREAS, The current proposed route through Montgomery County will have an adverse impact on a large number of developed residences in the highly developed subdivisions of Brush Mountain Estates and Preston Forest, and on scenic, recreational, and sensitive environmental areas in the County of Montgomery; and

WHEREAS, It appears there are several residences in the Brush Mountain Estates and Preston Forest Subdivisions that will have the pipeline either come through their property or closely adjoin their property which will have a negative impact on property values, place their drinking well water at risk and unnecessarily place these residents living in Brush Mountain Estates and Preston Forest at increased risk of life or property loss should an incident occur with the pipeline; and

WHEREAS, The proposed route of the pipeline should be moved away from the residences of Brush Mountain Estates and Preston Forest in order to avoid the potential for catastrophic loss of both property and life should a pipeline incident occur; and

WHEREAS, There are several federal and/or state endangered species with habitats located within a three mile radius of the proposed pipeline route which would be harmed, not only should an incident occur with the pipeline but also during construction and maintenance of the pipeline and when herbicides and pesticides are applied to keep the right-of-way clear; and

WHEREAS, A large portion of the topography, where the pipeline route is proposed through Montgomery County, is characterized by karst terrain, sink holes and caves. The construction of the pipeline through karst topography puts the groundwater and surface water resources at greater risk of contamination/pollution and puts the pipeline at greater risk, after construction, of an incident occurring due to subsidence or other earth movement as a result of dissolving bedrock; and

WHEREAS, There are two Agricultural Forrestral Districts (“AFD”), AFD#2 located in Catawba and AFD#9 located in the Elliston/Pedlar Hills areas of Montgomery County that would be bisected by the proposed route of the pipeline. The construction and ongoing maintenance of the pipeline and the use of herbicides to keep the rights-of-way clear will negatively impact the forestal and agricultural uses in these AFDs and conflict with the purpose of putting land in an AFD, namely to conserve and protect these lands as valued natural and ecological resources, which provide clean air sheds, watershed protection, wildlife habitat, aesthetic quality and other environmental purposes for the citizens of Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, There are two impacted waterways in Montgomery County, the North Fork of the Roanoke River and Craig’s Creek that flow within the proposed pipeline route. The construction and ongoing maintenance of the pipeline and the use of herbicides and pesticides to keep the rights-of-way clear will likely lead to contamination/pollution of these two streams, further degrading these waters; and

WHEREAS, The construction of the proposed pipeline and the resulting permanent clearance of a seventy-five foot (75’) wide right-of-way located through much of the most scenic, mountainous and rugged terrain in the County of Montgomery creates an adverse impact on one of the County’s most valued resources, its beautiful viewshed; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors opposes the route of the Mountain Valley Gas Pipeline as proposed through the County of Montgomery, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, If Mountain Valley Pipeline were to reroute the proposed gas pipeline away from the residential communities to areas that are unpopulated not containing residences the Board of Supervisors may reconsider opposing the construction of the pipeline.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby opposes the proposed route of the Mountain Valley Gas Pipeline that is included in Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC’s pre-filing request Docket No. PF-15-3-00 with FERC because of the proposed route’s adverse impacts on developed residences in the Brush Mountain Estates and Preston Forest Subdivisions within the proposed corridor and on the scenic, recreational and sensitive environmental areas in Montgomery County and that these adverse impacts to the County of Montgomery far outweigh any economic benefit the County might receive from the construction of the pipeline.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia requests that FERC closely look at whether the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline is needed in light of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline that is likewise proposed to transport gas from the same Marcellus and Utica production regions as the Mountain Valley Pipeline with a similar planned terminus in the Mid-Atlantic region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia hereby directs the County Administrator to transmit this Resolution to FERC for inclusion in pre-filing Docket Number PF-15-3-00.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

Christopher A. Tuck  
M. Todd King  
Annette S. Perkins  
Mary W. Biggs  
William H. Brown

NAY

Gary D. Creed

ABSENT

Matthew R. Gabriele

**Resolution Approving the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund Performance Agreement-Wolverine Advanced Materials, LLC**

**R-FY-15-44**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GOVERNOR'S  
DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY FUND  
PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA  
WOLVERINE ADVANCED MATERIALS, LLC AND THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by M. Todd King and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, Wolverine Advanced Materials, LLC ("Wolverine") is making a \$10.625 million investment creating ninety-three (93) new jobs at their facility located in Montgomery County, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, The Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority ("VEPD") awarded a \$250,000 Governor's Development Opportunity Fund Grant ("GOF Grant") to be awarded to Wolverine through the County and EDA conditioned upon the parties entering into the Governor's Development Opportunity Performance Agreement which addresses the obligations of the parties; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors desires to approve the Governor's Development Opportunity Performance Agreement.

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Governor's Development Opportunity Performance Agreement between the County, the EDA and Wolverine and authorizes its Chair, William H. Brown, to execute the said Performance Agreement on behalf of the County of Montgomery, Virginia.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mary W. Biggs	None	Matthew R. Gabriele
M. Todd King		
Annette S. Perkins		
Gary D. Creed		
Christopher A. Tuck		
William H. Brown		

### **PUBLIC ADDRESS SESSION**

Angela Stanton - 2595 Spaulding Road, Christiansburg. Ms. Stanton believes the resolution in opposition of the Mountain Valley Pipeline that the Board just adopted sort of muddled their message. She wishes they had gone with the original version of the resolution, which she does not believe would have closed any doors.

Tom Hoffman - Pearisburg. Saying he understood how people in Preston Forest feel or people in other populated areas that are concerned about their homes and their property, but neither do people want it in the National Forest. The National Forest is protected by the federal government, where people come from all over to fish or to hunt or to hike the Appalachian Trail, and this brings money into both Giles County and Montgomery County.

Max Macon –Speaking on behalf of the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) and their partner companies, EQT Corporation and NextEra Energy Resources, thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak tonight, and for their invitation to participate in the public forum held last week at the Blacksburg High School. For the benefit of the Board and the citizens of the County, Mr. Macon reiterated that the pipeline is in the early stages of the route planning and the route will not be finalized until underground surveys have been conducted on the proposed route. These surveys are necessary to evaluate topographical, environmental, historical, and cultural features of the land. The evaluation will also consider all information and concerns shared by the Board of Supervisors and the citizens of Montgomery County.

Will Stanton said with all due respect to the MVP representative, he found the performance of the representatives at the November 5<sup>th</sup> public forum appalling. One of the questions was

simply in terms of what would the pressure on the pipeline be, and they had no answer. And when asked if open trenches would be left in neighborhoods at night, their answer was no, that the pipes would be buried the day they were put in, and Mr. Stanton believes the process could take as long as a month.

Brad Kline 40656 Suzanna Drive, Blacksburg. Mr. Kline expressed his appreciation to the Board for their efforts at the November 5<sup>th</sup> public forum, and how well prepared they were. He said that he also was appalled at the evasive and empty answers that were provided by EQT and NextEra representatives, they didn't seem to know much about their own project. He thanked the Board for adopting the resolution opposing the pipeline, and asked that the Board continue to stand with the citizens of Montgomery County in any way they can.

Greg Moneyhun believes the MVP representatives when they say they don't necessarily know what the compression is, that they have not done a project this big, and that they are not aware that we live in karst terrain and they are not sure what is going to happen when the earthquake comes. Being a very informed community, Mr. Moneyhun proposed that the citizens have as much information as possible for MVP representatives for them to make the right route decisions. He thanked the Board for its efforts to try to protect the citizens' property values, but there is also a lot more at stake here, that's not the only value they have in their community. The natural areas are a large part of the revenue sources as well, and the clean water that we have is invaluable.

Margaret Rosten said that even if we stop this pipeline, it is going to come back, so everyone needs to be vigilant about it. She suggested that the Board ask the Tourism Board and the Chamber of Commerce to put together information that can be presented to FERC about why the pipeline is not good for the County. She thanked the Board for going on record as opposing the proposed pipeline.

There being no further speakers, the Public Address session was closed.

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The County Administrator informed the Board that the General Services Department has suffered several losses in the past few weeks. Two of their employees' mothers passed away; and one of our employees, 34 year old Josh Dunford, passed away. The County Administrator asked that everyone keep them in their thoughts and prayers.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

Annette Perkins reported that Supervisor Mary Biggs has been on VACo's Board of Directors for a while now, and was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President at VACo's annual conference. Traditionally, the 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president will move up to 1<sup>st</sup> vice president and then president. Supervisor Perkins thanked Supervisor Biggs for all her hard work in representing the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisors Perkins attended quite a few committee meetings since the last BoS meeting, including the Virginia Tech/Montgomery Regional Airport Authority meeting. She asked that the County Administrator invite Michael St. Jean, Executive Director of the Airport Authority, to attend a Board meeting and provide an update on recent activities.

Supervisor Perkins also asked that Clark Wallcraft, Executive Director of Pepper's Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority (PFRWTA), be invited to attend a Board meeting and provide an update on PFRWTA's recent activities.

Supervisor Perkins thanked everyone who addressed the Board about the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline, and repeated the Board's intent to continue to stand up and do whatever can be done to protect Montgomery County citizens' property, their homes, their safety, and our environment.

Supervisor Mary Biggs Supervisor Biggs also thanked her constituents who continue to e-mail and come to the Board meetings, and continue to educate the Board. She also expressed appreciation for the pipeline company attending tonight's meeting and thinks it is good because this is going to be a continuing process and the more they hear, the more educated they become as well.

Supervisor Biggs announced that when VACo meets again in February, Supervisor Perkins will be sworn in as a director on the VACo board, which is another plus for our county.

During VACo's annual conference, Supervisor Biggs moderated a meeting about county and school board relations and their common goals. One of the things she took away from the meeting was that we are very fortunate in Montgomery County to have the kind of relationship we do have between the two boards, and that it took a lot of work to get there, but there is a good working relationship which goes back to communication and all the different things that are done in that regard. VACo's Educational Steering Committee met, and just like last year, counties are fighting just to maintain funding and the state pay for what they are supposed to pay for. Supervisor Biggs encouraged Board members to become active in VACo and serve on a committee. There are also educational opportunities if supervisors want to take advantage of them through the Virginia Certified County Supervisors program. Former Congressman Rick Boucher, a member of the state's Ethics Committee, came and talked about what is being done to ensure integrity and public confidence in state government. There is great concern about what local officials and state officials think is needed to help make the process smoother in filling out forms and making financial disclosures.

Supervisor Biggs and the County Administrator attended the Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority meeting earlier on this date, and Supervisors Biggs shared her excitement about the new leadership at Virginia's First. The new Executive Director, Lenny Wilson, is really trying to pull everything together and make it understandable, and pulling all the people together, and made it a very positive meeting.



Supervisor Biggs thanked the members of the Board for their resolution in support of her election as VACo's 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president, and county staff for helping to get everything together for her.

Supervisor Chris Tuck reminded everyone of the talent show on Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. at Christiansburg High School.

Supervisor Todd King reported on a seminar that he and Supervisor Biggs attended over the weekend about the Virginia Department of Health, and distributed information that was provided at the Seminar.

Supervisor Gary Creed No report.

Supervisor Bill Brown agreed with other Board members about the pipeline, and thanked the citizens for coming out and supporting the Board as well as educating them. Electronically citizens have moved a lot of information to their fingertips.

The Health Department came and educated everyone about precautions in dealing with suspected cases of Ebola and so forth. Supervisor Brown also reported that our Fire and Rescue people are prepared to deal with suspected Ebola cases.

Supervisor Brown thanked the Board for their support, and agree to disagree, but are still a team, and really concerned about the pipeline. All though the Board has no statutory legal authority and the resolution may be symbolic, it sends a message that we are standing with our people.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned to Monday, November 24, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
William H. Brown  
Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
F. Craig Meadows  
County Administrator